

Do You Have a Friend Interned by the Axis?

New Regulations Govern Sending Of Gift Packages to Prisoners

Procedure for shipment of gift parcels to prisoners of war and interned civilians is outlined in a bulletin issued by the Board of Economic Warfare, Office of Exports.

A general license known as "G-PW-2" has been issued authorizing the sending, by mail only, of gift parcels to members of the armed forces of the United Nations who are prisoners of war and to civilians who are nationals of the United Nations interned in enemy occupied territories. An export license from the Board of Economic Warfare is no longer necessary but the following regulations must be met.

Packages must not exceed 11 pounds gross weight, 18 inches in length, or 42 inches in length and girth combined. Only one such parcel may be sent to each prisoner each sixty days. The contents of each package must be listed on a special form provided by the post office department and filed at the time of mailing.

None to Orient
The Provost Marshal General's office will furnish an official label in duplicate for parcels going to members of the United States armed forces who are prisoners of war. Packages may not be shipped to the Orient at present, but when facilities are available to transport such packages to Japan and Japanese controlled territory, labels will be issued to the next of kin without request. Labels will be issued by their respective governments for packages sent to prisoners who are nationals of the British Empire.

German authorities provide labels for packages to members of the armed forces of any of the United States other than the British Empire. Gift parcels also may be sent to such prisoners in Italy or Italian controlled territory, but must bear a certificate in writing that the prisoner is known to be at the address given and that no package has been mailed to him by the sender within sixty days prior to the date of mailing, and that to the writer's knowledge no other package has been mailed to the prisoner in that period.

In all cases the sender must write in ink under the address: "General License G-PW-2," via New York, New York.

Gift parcels may not contain written or printed matter of any kind, and articles in glass containers or those which are hermetically sealed, vacuum, or solder sealed tins or collapsible tin tubes, such as shaving cream or tooth paste, are banned.

Articles Listed
Among the articles which may be included in the gift parcels are: For men — Tobacco (smoking, chewing or cigarette); pouches; pipes; holders, and nonmetallic cases; washing powder; medicated or bath soap, towels, wash cloths, playing cards (banned in Italy); checkers, chess, cribbage and ping pong sets; soft, base, and foot balls; ball gloves; socks, belts, shorts, shirts (regulation if Army or Navy); slacks (regulation); underwear, gloves, handkerchiefs, mufflers, sweaters, shoes, laces, slippers, insoles, bathrobes, pajamas, nightgowns, suspenders and garters; tooth powder and brushes in nonmetallic containers, combs, brushes, razors, safety razor blades, talcum powder, styptic pencils, shaving soap cakes and powder, small mirrors; gum, shoe polish, tooth-picks, nail clippers, wall-tis, pocket-books, mending kits and sewing kits without scissors; buttons, and hair clippers.

For Women
For women and children — Hose, safety pins, mirrors, ribbons, hair nets and pins, knitting needles and crocheting needles (nonmetallic), thread and yarn, elastic, blouses, skirts, dresses, toilet articles (no liquids), cleansing tissues, camphor ice, sanitary supplies; orange sticks, clothing and shoes for children, crayons, and small indestructible wooden toys. Approved food items are dried soups in cellophane bags, cereals, dried skim milk, nuts, plain or chocolate powdered milk, cheese, dried fruits and meats, coffee (no more than one pound), malted milk tablets, dried paste foods, tea, cocoa and sugar.

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Morale in the Post Public Relations Office has been rising steadily since the wise, kind Public Relations Officer engaged Mrs. Jane Wilde, the wife of Pvt. Gregory F. Wilde, Ordnance, 96th Division, as a secretary.

It was so evident that the Military Intelligence group, across the way, looked enviously at the Public Relations men as they helped her on with her coat and brought her lunch and even offered her their sweaters to wear, when the building was not warm enough.

"Wish we could steal that Wilde woman," one M.I. man murmured.

"Their Jane surely does spread sunshine," said another. Superb result: Mrs. Margaret Hill, wife of Pvt. Merwin Hill, of the 96th Division Artillery, is now working in the M.I. office, and Miss Ethelene Gayman is in the adjoining Chemical Warfare office.

Public Relations leads. Others follow, but at a distance.

if they conform to these regulations.

Individual export licenses for prisoners of war and interned shipments granted before the new procedure will be valid until the date of expiration, except that no outstanding license will be valid after midnight of January 10, 1943, for shipments to an individual prisoner.

Let's Hope it Won't Be Touch and Go in Battle of the Sexes

Personally the Sentry thinks "The Bombast" of Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M., in printing the following is dangerously close to giving information that will aid the enemy in the Battle of the Sexes. For it'll be a sad day when the gala can spot in a minute a wolf in G.I. clothing. You lover-soldiers better think of some new booby traps on the double.

WOLF
If he parks his little flivver Down beside the moonlit river, And you feel him all aquiver—Baby, he's a WOLF!

If he says you're gorgeous looking, That your dark eyes start him cooking, But your eyes ain't where he's looking—Baby, he's a WOLF!

When he says you are an eye-ful, And his hands begin to trifle, And his heart pumps like a rifle—Baby, he's a WOLF!

If by chance when you're akissin' You can feel his heart amissin' And you talk but he won't listen—Baby, he's a WOLF!

If his arms are strong as sinew, And he stirs the gypsy in you So you want him close ag'in you—Maybe you're a WOLF!

Tour of Campus for Service Men
Saturday afternoon, unless the weather is "unspeakable," a tour of Oregon State college campus and buildings is planned. Starting from the beautiful Memorial Union building, erected in honor of the college students and alumni who laid down their lives in World War I, the gardens, the art exhibit, the broadcasting station, the library, gymnasium and other points of interest will be visited. Soldiers desiring to accompany the tour may meet at the USO at 3:15 or at Memorial Union at 3:30. The college is furnishing a guide.

The A Btry, mail clerk, in Col. Bourke's regiment, Timber Wolf artillery, requests transfer for Pvt. Leo Jordan, who last week received 44 letters and packages. Lt. Hemer's men want the world to know that the band's program of carols, on Christmas morning, helped to make the day memorable.

This Is Official Purely Personal

AT ANY TIME during the war you may expect a sudden change of station. You will want to know that your family is being protected during your absence. Now is the time to arrange your personal affairs—and theirs; you may be too busy later on. This series of articles will help you to do so. The material is taken from the War Department's booklet, "Personal Affairs of Military Personnel and Their Dependents," and is therefore official. Of course, all laws are subject to change. To keep the record straight, each section that follows will indicate the date on which the specific laws were in effect.—Ed.

Section III—Instalment 2

TRANSPORTATION OF DEPENDENTS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

27. Dependents and household goods entitled to one move after September 1, 1942.—Circular No. 261, War Department, 1942, provides that in order to conserve labor and transportation facilities after September 1, 1942, only one move of dependents and household goods will be made for the duration of the war. This move may be made to any point in the United States designated by the individual concerned. All regulations in conflict therewith have been suspended.

28. Dependents entitled to Government transportation.—Commissioned officers, Army nurses, warrant officers, or noncommissioned personnel of the first three grades are entitled to transportation for their lawful dependents in accordance with the provisions outlined in paragraph 27 when ordered to make a permanent change of station. Lawful dependents are defined as wives, dependent fathers and mothers, and dependent children.

29. Procedure to obtain transportation for dependents.—Application for transportation will be made to the local transportation officer, W. D. Q. M. C. Form No. 207 (Certificate for Passenger Travel) in quintuplicate must be accomplished and four copies of the pertinent travel orders must be furnished. In the event Government transportation is not utilized claim for monetary allowance in lieu of transportation for dependents will be made to any disbursing officer on Standard Form No. 1012 (Public Voucher for Reimbursement of Travel and Other Expenses Including Per Diem.) For detailed information, see AR 55-120 (formerly 30-920) and 35-5320.

30. Authorized baggage.—Authorized baggage is defined as household goods and other personal property. It may be packed, crated, and transported at Government expense upon a permanent change of station, limited by the provisions of paragraph 27 and by an authorized baggage allowance according to grade (including the first four enlisted grades). Applications for packing, crating, and shipping will be made to the local transportation officer on W. D., Q. M. C. Form 219, accomplished in triplicate and accompanied by three copies of the pertinent travel orders. Baggage may be transported by a commercial carrier in lieu of Government transportation, provided the owner agrees to pay any excess cost above the cost of shipment by means cheapest to the Government. For detailed information, see AR 55-160 (formerly AR 30-960).

Note.—Information contained in section III received from the Chief of Transportation, Services of Supply, August 14, 1942. Verified correct as of September 9, 1942.

Section IV

ALLOTMENTS OF PAY AND DEDUCTIONS

31. Provisions of AR 35-5520.—Under the provisions of AR 35-5520, commissioned officers (including retired officers on active duty, Reserve and National Guard officers ordered to active duty for 6 months or more), Army nurses, and warrant officers (including Reserve and retired Army nurses and warrant officers on active duty and contract surgeons), permanent civilian employees, and enlisted men (including retired enlisted men and members of the National Guard on active duty) may make allotments for the support of their families or dependent relatives or for savings in banks (including a checking account). Such allotments are classified as Class E and, until further notice, may be made by the above personnel wherever they are serving. Authorization forms which are not prepared in accordance with existing regulations will be accepted provided they are properly signed and the intent of the allotter can be ascertained therefrom. Class D and N allotments for United States Government and National Service Life Insurance will be made by allotment of pay under the provisions of AR 35-5520.

32. Authorization.—Authorization for Class E allotments will be prepared in duplicate on W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 29. A duplicate will be retained by the allotter (when he prepares and certifies his own voucher) or by the commanding officer or personnel officer (in all other cases).

Note.—Information contained in section IV received from Chief of Finance July 16, 1942. Verified correct as of September 9, 1942.

Section V

PAY, ALLOWANCES, AND ALLOTMENTS OF PERSONNEL REPORTED MISSING, MISSING IN ACTION, OR CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY

3. Pay and allowances.—Any person who is in active service and is officially reported as missing, missing in action, interned in a neutral country, or captured by an enemy shall, while so absent, be entitled to receive or to have credited to his account the same pay and allowances to which such person was entitled at the time of the beginning of the absence or may become entitled to thereafter: Provided, That such person shall not have been officially reported as having been absent from his post of duty without authority; * * * And provided further, That should proper authority subsequently determine that the person concerned had been absent from his post of duty without authority, such person shall be indebted to the Government in the amount for which payments have been made or pay and allowances credited to his account * * * during such absence. Act March 7, 1942 (sec. III, Bull. 14, W. D., 1942).

34. Allotments.—a. Under the provisions of the act March 7, 1942 (sec. III, Bull. 14, W. D., 1942), any person who has made an allotment of pay for the support of dependents or for the payment of insurance premiums, shall be entitled to have such allotments for dependents or insurance premiums as he previously may have executed continued for a period of 12 months from date of commencement of absence, notwithstanding that the period for which the allotments had been executed may have expired during such 12 months' period, and the proper disbursing officer shall so continue the allotments during such absence, provided that, in the absence of a previously executed allotment, or where the allotment made is not sufficient for reasonable support of a dependent and for the payment of insurance premiums, the Secretary of War may direct that an allotment, not to exceed the base and longevity pay of the person concerned, shall be paid by the appropriate disbursing officer to the insurer or such dependent as has been designated in official records or, in the absence of such designation, to such person as may be determined by the Secretary of War, or by such person as he may designate, to be a bona fide dependent.

b. If no decision is made changing the person's status during the initial 6 months' period, the dependent may be paid an allotment not to exceed base and longevity pay. If it is determined, after the initial 6 months' period that death occurred during the 6 months' period, the dependent may retain the allotments and in addition receive the 6 months' gratuity pay. If at the expiration of the initial 6 months' period of absence no decision has been made changing the person's status, the allotment will continue for a second period of 6 months. If, however, payments are made to a dependent after death of the person in the second 6 months' period, then the payment of allotments after such death will be deducted from the 6 months' gratuity.

c. When it is officially reported by the Secretary of War that a person is missing, missing in action, interned in a neutral country, or captured by an enemy under circumstances that entitle him to receive pay and allowances, the allotment is authorized to continue until receipt of evidence by the Secretary of War that such person is dead or has returned to the control of the War Department.

d. The provisions of the act which are applicable to persons in the hands of the enemy are also applicable to persons beleaguered or besieged by enemy forces.

e. The Secretary of War is authorized to direct the payment of new allotments from the pay of persons other than those missing, missing in action, interned in a neutral country, or captured by the enemy; to increase or decrease the amount of any allotment heretofore or hereafter made by such persons, and to continue allotments that may have expired in November, 1941, and any month subsequent thereto, with or without the consent of such persons, subject in all cases to termination by specific request of such persons, when in the judgment of the Secretary of War such action is considered essential for the well-being and protection of dependents of persons in active service. Such allotments shall be paid in an amount not to exceed the monthly base pay plus longevity pay without regard to the fact that the 6 months' death gratuity may be paid later.

f. Claims for the continuation of old allotments or for new allotments should be filed with The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. **Note.**—Information contained in section V received from Chief of Finance July 16, 1942. Verified correct as of September 9, 1942.

Section VI

SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY

35. To whom payable.—a. Immediately upon official notification of the death from wounds or disease, not the result of his own misconduct, of any officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man in active service in the Army of the United States, the Chief of Finance, U. S. Army, will cause to be if there is no widow or child, to any other dependent relative of such officer, paid to the widow, or, if there is no widow, to the child or children, or warrant officer, or enlisted man previously designated by him, an amount equal to 6 months' pay at the rate received by such officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man at the time of his death.

b. Until December 10, 1941, the 6 months' gratuity was payable only to dependents of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Regular Army. The Act of December 10, 1941 (Bull. 35, W. D., 1941) extended this gratuity benefit to all classes of personnel of the Army of the United States. This law was retroactive to and effective as of August 27, 1940. Dependents of individuals whose death occurred subsequent to August 27, 1940, and who believe themselves entitled thereto, may file a claim therefor.

c. The 6 months' gratuity paid to the beneficiary includes compensation of every kind such as flying pay, pay for qualification in the use of arms, increases for longevity, etc., as distinguished from allowances.

36. Conditions.—a. The gratuity will be paid only if death was not the result of misconduct as certified by The Adjutant General, and it is not required to be shown that death occurred in line of duty.

b. As the name "gratuity" suggests, this is a gift, equal to 6 months' pay, to dependents, and the officer or enlisted man has no vested rights in it and cannot designate by will to whom it will be paid. As there is no vested interest or property right in this gratuity, it is not subject to claims against it, or civil or military debts or obligations.

c. If at the time of death no widow or unmarried child or children under the age of 21 survives, then the gratuity will not be paid unless a dependent relative has been designated as beneficiary. Any married child, or unmarried child over 21, or other dependent relative must have been designated as such on W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 41 (officers) or W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 22 (Enlistment Record) in order to receive payment. If so designated, but proof of dependency is insufficient at time of death, payment will not be made. If no wife or unmarried child or children survives and deceased named a first and second dependent as beneficiaries, then, if first beneficiary fails to prove dependence, payment will not be made to second-named beneficiary.

37. Application and expediting payment.—a. Application for 6 months' gratuity will be made on W. D., F. D. Form No. 6. To expedite payment to the widow, child or children, the local disbursing officer may, unless he suspects that the death was the result of the deceased's own misconduct, forward two copies of W. D., F. D. Form No. 6 to the widow, child, or children with the suggestion that the accomplished voucher be submitted to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., for payment.

b. Payments to beneficiaries other than the widow, child, or children cannot be expedited in the manner set forth in a above for the reason that from The Adjutant General (W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 41 for officers, or the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., must first determine W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 22, Enlistment Record) what beneficiary has been designated by the deceased and if the designated beneficiary was dependent. In such cases the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, will, after determining eligibility, furnish a claim voucher to such beneficiary.

c. In event of death outside the continental limits of the United States, the gratuity may be authorized by the Chief of Finance to be paid by local disbursing officers, if available.

38. Finding of death of missing person.—Under the Act of March 7, 1942, the Secretary of War is authorized, upon the expiration of 12 months from the date a person is reported as missing in action, in the absence of an official report of the missing person, to make a finding of death of such person. Following such finding the 6 months' death gratuity is authorized to be paid. Should the person so reported as dead return, his pay account will be reopened and charged with the amount of the 6 months' death gratuity.

Note.—Information contained in section VI received from Chief of Finance July 16, 1942. Verified correct as of September 9, 1942. (To Be Continued Next Week)

Master Quibblings By Two of Them

The sight of Lt. Brazelton's figure (courtesy of Station Hospital) is a sight for our sore eyes.

The past week was somewhat of an anniversary. Just six months ago, on Dec. 28, that 400 of us arrived here from Ft. Dix. It wasn't raining when we got here—but that was taken care of later. Then we had to go to town for water to take a bath—and drinking water was hauled into camp in trucks. To think we once had to go to all this trouble to get water!

We had a fire scare here last week. When the fire engines screamed up—it was found that an ambitious janitor had piled too much coal on as protection against Oregon mists. From now on we'll have our own rationing of coal!

We got our overshoes this week! T/Sgt. Heilbron got back from California this week. The fact that he brought back a few souvenirs for the boys made him doubly welcome.

To the tune of "Anchors Aweigh" a convoy of jeeps, trucks and amphibians left to evacuate the flooded Eugene area. The QM supplied tents, tools and believe it or not—water wings.

Sgt. Charlie Solomon's cheery face is the result of visiting better half—staying at the Benton.

Pfc. Frank Smith just celebrated his 26th birthday amid the clatter of upper-bunk sleepers hitting the deck. (Oregon has me talking like a tar.)

After all night emergency issuing of bedding by Pfc. Joe Fontanazza and Sid Rosen to the guest house for stranded civilians—they fall asleep counting beds. (A new substitute for sheep.)

A large group of SCU tried to swim into Albany—anything rather than be stranded.

Our versatile motor pool dispatcher Sgt. Milt Weinstein looks a little wan after a siege in the station hospital.

Pvt. Donko C. C. Fafelich, who used to be a captain in Yugoslavia, enlisted in the army on the day he received his citizenship papers, says the CAMP WOLTERS (Texas) LONGHORN. He is taking the war seriously. A brother is a sergeant with the Yugoslavian army and a brother-in-law is a lieutenant, and the private's mother was killed when the Germans bombed her town.

Pressure on your Adam's apple often will prevent a threatening cough which might reveal your presence to the enemy. A sneeze may be smothered by pressing upward with your fingers against your nostrils.

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